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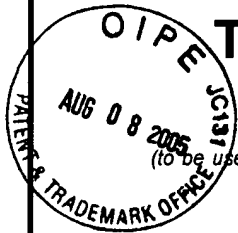
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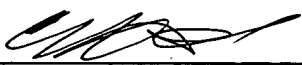
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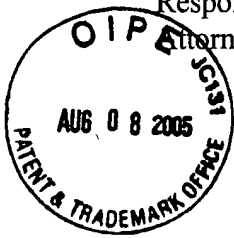
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2005, which required restriction between the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a device for harvesting a segment of tissue from a tissue mass, classified in class 606, subclass 183.

II. Claims 6-12, drawn to a method of harvesting tissue from a patient, classified in class 606, subclass 167.

Additionally, election between Species 1 shown in figures 1-7 and Species 2 shown in figure 8 was required.

By this response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, and in particular, Species 1 shown in figures 1-7. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4 are readable thereon.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.